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NEMA Update on Storm Disaster Response—

National Guard Soldiers to Provide Public Safety Support in Damaged Areas

Twenty Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers from the 92nd Troop Command will be mobilizing to state active duty Tuesday to assist local emergency management officials in providing public safety support in the areas affected by the Sunday's storms. The mission is expected to last approximately four to five days.

Three teams of Nebraska Emergency Management Agency staff visited southeast Nebraska communities on Monday to work on preliminary damage assessments in communities with damage from Sunday's tornadoes.

"The NEMA teams tracked tornado damage the stomrs that were reported by trained spotters on Sunday," said Al Bernd, NEMA assistant director. "The damage that occurred in southeast Nebraska was significant and we are working with local emergency managers on needs assessments as well as preliminary damage reports."

NEMA's mobile operation center (MOC) and a field team was deployed to Beaver Crossing to assist with communications and resource coordination.

In addition, the Nebraska Resource Accountability Team was deployed to work on volunteer and responder resource tracking.